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Dear Emory,

Many thanks for your letter of the 29, the enclosures, and the effort reflected.

Your unanswered inquiries to Bill Turner going back to June are, perhaps, their own reflection of him, the role in which he casts himself, his sincerity and other things. However, I add this: you are better off with no answer than getting one you feel you can depend upon and then depending upon it. If he has done a single worthwhile thing in all of this it does not readily come to mind. Incredible as it is, with his ten years in the FBI, all that special training, the valuable experience one would assume is a by-product of both, and the best he has done is hurt us through a very effective and very bad influence on Garrison.

His record, in fact, is so very bad there are those who seriously regard him as a government agent (I do not). Their belief is not without reasonable foundation. While I appreciate your writing him, I strongly encourage you not to do so in the future, for he is eminently undependable, is loose with everything, especially fact and is just plain incompetent on top of it.

I avoid him whenever possible, and it is usually possible, both in SF and NO.

If I have not asked you before, have you followed the Penkovsky case? If you have, what kind of file, if any, have you on it? Or books? Do you by any chance have "Front of the Secret War", which was translated into English, by Tsibov and Chistyakov? If you do, I would like to borrow it if my efforts to locate a copy continue unsuccessful.

Also, have you any facilities for getting Russian translated? I have two Pravda stories, not very long, I'd like translated.

Do you know of any other books (aside from the Gibney "Penkovsky Papers") or serious, dependable articles dealing with it? Especially from the other side.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,